

# The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

## Christmas Handkerchief Sale.

This will be the largest sale in our history, if pretty handkerchiefs and hundreds of them will make it.

SEVERAL NEW STYLES in embroidered, gents' initial Japanette, a pretty, soft, good wearing 'kerchief, 12½c. LADIES' and GENTS' size, initial linen, plain hemstitched, 15c. LADIES' and GENTS' initial, all linen, plain hemstitched, 25c. 30 STYLES in ladies' and children's lace edge, lace corners, embroidered corners, colored borders, plain hem, very pretty for the price, 5c. 20 STYLES, some plain hem, all linen, some pretty cotton, lace and embroidered, 12½c. 30 STYLES in most all of the pretty patterns you could imagine. These are all linen. Some new, style hem, 25c. 15 STYLES at 50c. These are similar in style to the 25c grade but of finer linen and embroidery. ALSO MANY OTHER styles at 40, 100, 150, 300, 37½c. and 75c. If in doubt about presents, buy handkerchiefs for ladies, gents, or children.

**Dressing Sacques.**  
Now is the time for warm, wool dressing sacques. One lot of wool elderdown in pink, blue, and reds, collar trimmed with black braid, crocheted edge, fastens with ribbon and frogs, \$1.00. This is only one from our large stock. Others from 50c to \$1.05.

**Bed Spreads.**  
These are useful the whole year and make good presents. The MANITOBA, good weight to wear well and wash easy, figured patterns, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. 6 in. wide, excellent value, \$1.00. **Fringed Spreads.** The EMPRESS has large scroll center, wide figured border, heavy fringe, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. wide, \$1.50.

**Towel Sale.**  
Linen towels will please almost any of your friends. We have the best line of towels we know how to buy, direct from the importers, all prices from 8c to \$1.37 each. One lot good weight, colored or white border, fringe or hem, 12½c. One lot pure linen, fringed or hem, colored or white border, 18x36 in., 25c. One lot kid linen huck, wide hem, 22x40 inches, 50c. Also Damask towels in all grades.

**Boston Bags.**  
Our Christmas line of bags is complete in all grades from 50c to \$2.25. One lot die lined, leather ends, heavy wool covering, dark or light, \$1.50. Nice gift for school girls.

**THOMAS SMILEY,**  
Telephone 112-2.  
Norway, Maine.

**E. C. Vandenkerckhoven.**  
ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER.

**Photographs**  
Special Discount for  
Academy Students.

BETHEL, 29 MAIN ST., MAINE.

## Closed Christmas Day . . . .

Yet we ship any goods ordered up to Christmas morning so that they will reach any destination within 50 miles of Lewiston before Christmas night. All odd stock that this great season's sale has accumulated—all short quantities—will be at once arranged and marked at Prices Way Below Cost and Value to ensure quick moving.

We have on the way many rare values in

## Chamber and Parlor Furniture

that were shipped too late for Christmas—All these go on show as fast as received at practically cost to land here and every buyer from away can easily save car fare by coming to us for even a small purchase.

WE PAY FREIGHT.  
CASH OR EASY TERMS.

**Bradford, Conant & Co.,**  
199-203 Lishon Street,  
LEWISTON, MAINE.

**PROBATE NOTICES.**  
To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:  
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, is hereby ordered:  
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.  
HELEN J. CHAPMAN, ward, account presented for allowance by Francis B. Tuell, guardian.  
ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.  
A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

## DON'T

Come to me if you want a doll for the baby or a cook stove for the wife. But if you are looking for anything in the line of

**WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, etc.**

You will make no mistake by giving me a call.

**Geo. T. Lawrence**  
BETHEL, MAINE.

## Christmas Gifts.

I cannot begin to enumerate the many things, useful and ornamental, that may be found on my list of Holiday Goods. I can only give a few items in a general way, and invite my many customers to come in and learn that the unmentioned list is longer than the mentioned. You will, however, find

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| Collar and Cuff Cases,<br>Smoker's Sets,<br>Tobacco Jars,<br>Cigar Holders,<br>Handkerchief and Glove Boxes,<br>Jewel and Work Boxes,<br>Toilet and Manicure Sets,<br>Candle Holders,<br>Fancy Thermometers,<br>Ink Stands,<br>Candelabra,<br>Pin Trays,<br>Ash Trays,<br>Bon Bon Dishes,<br>Military Brushes, | Shaving Mirrors,<br>Paper Knives,<br>Paper Weights,<br>Match Boxes,<br>Portmonnaies,<br>Gentlemen's Pocket Cases,<br>Gentlemen's Folding Traveling Cases,<br>Picture Frames,<br>Books, Calendars,<br>and Toys of all kinds at all prices. |
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**MISS L. C. HALL,** Bethel, Me.

## THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Good Christmas weather. Mr. Davenport was in Lewiston last Saturday. L. B. Hopkins is spending the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morice were in Portland Thursday. Mrs. Sidney Goodwin visited in Gorham, N. H., Thursday. Mrs. Frank Kendall is confined to the house with a bad cold. W. S. Wight sang in the M. E. church at South Paris, Sunday. Barton Smith is enjoying a vacation from his school in Poland. Wm. Sturdivant of Fryeburg visited in town a part of last week. Mr. Archer L. Grover of the University of Maine is home for Christmas. Mr. Thomas Morice of Toronto, Canada, is visiting his brother, Mr. W. D. Morice. Prin. Albert C. Eames of Potter Academy, Sebago, is spending his vacation at home. The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. Gehring Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. W. H. Young has moved into the house on Spring street recently purchased by him. Silas Littlehale who has been spending a few weeks at Paris, returned home last week. Mrs. French, mother of S. I. and J. W. French, has been very critically ill for the past week. Mr. F. B. Merrill of the Boston University Law School is spending a few days with his parents. Mt. Abram Lodge of I. O. O. F. will conduct the funeral services of the late Joseph S. Mason at the Union church, West Bethel, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Milton Penley received word last week of the death of Caribou, of Mr. George F. Ellingwood. Mr. Ellingwood will be remembered by many of our people as a former Bethel man, he having left here for Aroostook county thirty-six years ago.

Rev. Mr. Gleason went to East Bethel last Saturday to perform the marriage ceremony uniting James H. Swan's daughter Blanche, and Elmer Trask. The young people will reside at East Bethel where Mr. Trask owns a farm. Irving J. Foster who formerly lived in Greenwood, is now in the employ of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which operates practically all the street cars in Boston, both overhead and surface. He is a brakeman on the elevated trains. Messrs. Herrick & Park have sold the Curtis house at the corner of Mechanic and Railroad streets to Mr. William O. Straw of Greene, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Straw intend to return to Bethel where they so long lived, and make their future home among old friends. This property was given under the will of the late Emma Curtis to the New England Deaconess Association of Boston, and was sold by Herrick & Park for this association.

Small Pox in Town. We regret to report that it is Bethel's lot to have a case of small pox, but such seems the fact. Last Monday Dr. Sturdivant was called to see a patient in a lumber camp in Gilead, and pronounced the case one of small pox. The man was placed under quarantine and charged to remain isolated which, however, he did not do, but rather, about as soon as the doctor's back was turned, he struck out for Berlin. Upon his arrival there he was sent back by team, but came directly to Bethel arriving here at 2 o'clock this morning. He went to the house of Dr. Sturdivant and called for assistance, whereupon the doctor ordered him to the lock-up where he is now lodged and where he will be kept under strict quarantine. There seems to be no serious cause for alarm as the man came here in the dead hours of the night and was sent directly to his quarters where he will be cared for and kept isolated. It is at the most an unfortunate case but one for which no one can be blamed.

U. R. Cole went to Berlin, Thursday. Miss Jennie Mayberry who has been ill for several weeks is very low. Miss Annie Beavins returned to her home in Dover, N. H., last week. Mr. S. E. Bowler of Palermo, visited his brother, E. C. Bowler, last week. Miss Alice Willis of Lewiston is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover. Mrs. Scott Robertson who has been ill for the past week is improving. Miss Blanche Pratt of Pishon's Ferry is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover. T. B. Goodwin has gone to his home in Bangor, where he will remain for the winter. Miss Lyle Blanchard will spend the remainder of the week at her home in West Milan. Will Chapman spent Sunday with his family, returning to Portland Sunday evening. Henry O. Archibald of the News office is visiting a brother in Lancaster, N. H., this week.

Miss Cora Farwell, student at Colby, will spend the Christmas vacation with relatives in Bethel. Messrs. Howard and Earle Philbrook, and Miss Philbrook, Academy students, went home for the vacation. Mr. Franklin A. Leach of the Pawtuxet Valley Gloaner, Phenix, R. I., is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. E. Leach, this week. Messrs. Geo. Farnsworth, Robert Bisbee, Edwin L. Harvey and Gilbert W. Tuell are at home from Bowdoin for the holidays. Misses Alma Gehring and Mildred Tuell are home from the Kindergarten Training School at Bangor, to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven have moved into the Philbrook cottage on Church street, recently vacated by Harry Brown. Messrs. Gotthard Carlson and Alton Richardson, students at the University of Maine, are taking their Christmas vacation at home. Mr. Bisbee went to Portland Thursday, returning by the way of Brunswick Friday, and was accompanied home by his son Robert.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mercier died very suddenly of convulsions last Monday. Burial took place on Tuesday.

The Pie Supper at the I. O. O. F. hall given by the ladies of the M. E. church Saturday night, was a very pleasant affair and quite a financial success. The members of the Village Federation of Clubs are cordially invited to be the guests of the W. C. T. U. at Garland chapel, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at half past two in the afternoon. Club secretaries are requested to send to Mrs. Hittinger memoranda of the part which each will offer for its program.

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## HAVE YOU OMITTED ANYONE FROM Your Christmas List

That you planned to remember with a gift? If I had not prepared for the Holiday Trade with a much larger stock than ever before, I would be nearly sold out by this time, owing to the greater amount of business than usual, but I am glad to say I still have many

## DESIRABLE GIFTS

on hand from 25c up. Come in and you may find something that will just suit you.

## RINGS.

Show me a girl with too many rings if you can. I have many styles in plain and chased rings, besides a great variety of stone rings. Ladies' gentlemen's, misses', boys', and babies' rings. A large and carefully selected stock to choose from. All solid gold, 75c up.

## BRACELETS

We have many styles in chain bracelets, both sterling and gold filled, from 75c to \$5.00. Sterling Nethersole bracelets from 50c to \$1.90. These make acceptable gifts.

## NECK CHAINS

These are good sellers. A few left, \$1.35 to \$3.50.

## LOCKETS

For one, two, or four pictures. Round, oval, and heart-shaped. Gold filled and sterling, \$1.35 to \$2.75.

## WATCHES

A few left at prices that place them within reach of all. Ladies' watches, from \$4.50 to \$30.00. Gentlemen's watches in nickel, silver, and gold filled Waltham, Elgin, and Hamilton movements, \$5.00 to \$50.00. Boys' watches; just the thing to please him, \$1.00 to \$10.00.

## CHAINS

A vest chain any man would be pleased to own, latest styles, single vest and Dickens' 75c to \$6.00.

## Ladies' Lorgnette Chains

Large variety of patterns in fine gold filled, soldered links and solid gold slides, \$1.60 to \$6.50.

## SCARF PINS

Both Ladies' and Gentlemen's. Many new designs, solid gold, silver, and plated, 25c to \$4.50.

## BURNT WOOD

The burnt wood has proved a very popular seller. I still have some pieces left, 25c to \$2.00. These prices are much lower than those in any city.

## THIMBLES

Silver and Gold band Thimbles. A useful gift, 25c to \$1.25.

## CUT GLASS

I purchase my cut glass direct from the manufacturers and give you the benefit of close buying. A few choice pieces, \$3.50 to \$8.00.

## Sterling Silver Novelties

A variety of dainty articles in silver, including

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| Paper Knives,<br>Ebony and Silver-backed Brushes,<br>Letter Openers,<br>Button Hooks,<br>Tooth Brushes,<br>Cold Cream Jars,<br>Manicure Scissors,<br>Mucilage Jars,<br>Embroidery Scissors, | Letter Seals,<br>Hat Brushes,<br>Key Rings,<br>Hat Markers,<br>Grip Tags,<br>Nail Files,<br>Nail Polishers,<br>Ink Bottles,<br>Darners,<br>Blotters. |
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## STERLING SILVER and Plated Flatware

Fancy spoons, forks, souvenir spoons, and table ware suitable for wedding and Christmas gifts 75c to \$6.50.

## CLOCKS

Nickel, China, Gilt, and Oak, \$1.00 to \$3.25.

Gifts that will please, not only when first received, but for years.

I wish to thank my many customers for their liberal patronage, and wish all a

**"Merry Christmas!"**

**EDWARD KING,**

**JEWELER AND OPTICIAN,**

Main Street, Bethel, Maine.



## BUSINESS CARDS.

MISS E. E. BURNHAM,  
Millinery, Fancy Goods and Jewelry,  
BETHEL, ME.

HERRICK & PARK,  
Attorneys at Law,  
BETHEL, ME.

H. H. HASTINGS,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Bethel, Me.

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Pension Attorney,  
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BETHEL, ME.

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.  
DR. GARDINER L. STURDIVANT,  
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DR. I. H. WIGHT,  
Physician and Surgeon,  
Office in Residence at  
Wormell Stand, BETHEL, MAINE.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

## TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.00
Gilead,	...	8.38	3.33
West Bethel,	...	8.47	3.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lookes Mills,	...	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	...	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	...	9.30	4.40
Lewiston,	...	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	A. M. P. M.		
Boston, via boat,	12.45	4.10	8.00

## TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.35	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.25	4.10	9.15
Lookes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.26
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.58
Gorham,	11.35	5.40	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.00
Montreal,	6.50	...	7.00
Toronto,	A. M. P. M.		
Chicago,	7.15	...	4.50
	8.45	...	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M., West, run every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M., and at Berlin 11.15 A. M. Returning leave Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05 P. M.

S. F. BALL, Agent.

## New Line

Ladies' and Gents' Boots, Shoes, and Rubbers.  
Shoe Dressings of all kinds.  
Rubber and Leather Cement.  
Sole Leather by the side.  
Crocheted Slipper Soles.  
Repairing promptly attended to.

E. E. RANDALL,  
MAIN ST., BETHEL.

## PERFUMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The finest odors from HUDNUT, RICKSECKER, PALMER, STEARNS, EASTMAN AND HESS. In fancy packages or by the ounce. The best assortment in Oxford County, can be found at the Pharmacy of

F. A. SHURTLEFF & CO.,  
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

CALL AT  
R. E. L. FARWELL'S,  
and see  
what you can find  
that is

good to eat.

if you don't see what you want,  
ask for it

THE GREAT CURE FOR  
CROUP, BRONCHITIS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.  
Best Cough Syrup. Cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and all Affections of the Throat and Lungs. In time. Sold by druggists.

## MASTER and SLAVE

By...  
T. H. THORPE.

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CHAPTER V.  
LEON'S QUEST.

"YOU desired my presence, Mr. Oakfell," said Mrs. Wyley, entering the office, followed by a servant, who placed lights upon the table and retired.

"Yes, Mrs. Wyley, if you can spare the time to assist me in giving audience to Quilbert's jockey, Leon, who, in apparently great distress, entreats it," Horace replied.

"Indeed I am more than willing to do so," she said, resuming the large rocker, "for I have always felt there was something foully wrong in that Frenchman's treatment of the boy."

"Have you any personal knowledge bearing upon it?"

"I know a good deal about the beginning of it and am anxious to tell you all I can with certainty."

Leon appeared timidly upon the threshold and was bidden assuringly to be seated. He hesitated; but the invitation being repeated by Mrs. Wyley in a tone conveying something of command, he complied, first laying his hat upon a bench outside the door. He was manifestly agitated, embarrassed and apprehensive, and, though ample time was given him to open the conversation, he sat confused and silent.

"This interview is of your own seeking, Leon," said Horace, "and has been granted by Mrs. Wyley and myself. You ask for my advice and help. Whether either or both will be given must depend upon the character of your statement. Now proceed to tell your trouble without reserve, for we are kindly disposed to you, but tell it with absolute truth. You must not mislead me into action or speech by a falsehood. Give me facts only. Upon this condition I will advise to the best of my ability for your good and possibly assist you to make the advice effective. We are waiting to hear you."

With visible effort to repress his excitement Leon said:

"I cannot speak well like you, Mr. Horace, and some of the things I will tell you I do not at all understand. I know that until I was 10 or 11 years old I lived with Mrs. Wyley on the Lalland plantation, on Ateahafalaya river. One day she sent me to Mr. Constant Quilbert's plantation to see my mother and get some presents from Mr. Constant and who was my godfather. He would not let me go back to Mrs. Wyley and has kept me on his place since."

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## IT MATTERS NOT

How Sick You Are or How Many Physicians Have Failed to Help You.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy will Cure if a Cure is Possible.

Doctors are not infallible and there are many instances where they have decided a case was hopeless and then the patients astonished everyone by getting well and the sole cause of their cure was Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. A case in point is that of James Lettuce of Conajoharie, N. Y., who writes:

"Some years ago I was attacked with pains in my back and side that were fearful in the extreme. I could not control my kidneys at all and what came from them was mucous and blood. I was in a terrible state and suffered intensely. The partner of Dr. Vandermeer of Albany, N. Y., decided that an operation was all that would save me. I dreaded that and commenced to take Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. I felt better almost instantly. When I had taken about two bottles, the flow from the bladder was much clearer, the pain stopped, and I was saved from the surgeon's knife and am now well."

Dr. W. H. Morse, the famous physician of Westfield, N. J., has this to say of this great medicine:

"I have known it to cure chronic inflammation of the kidneys, where the attending physician pronounced the case incurable."

No form of kidney, liver, bladder or blood disease, or the distressing sickness so common to women, can long withstand the great curative power of this famous specific. A small quantity of this wonderful medicine has more curative power than barrels of other remedies," says a prominent New York physician. Its record of cures has made it famous in medical circles everywhere.

All druggists sell Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy in the New 50 Cent Size and the regular \$1.00 size bottles.

Sample bottle—enough for trial, free by mail.

Dr. David Kennedy Corporation,  
Rondout, N. Y.

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owned the plantation adjoining Lalland's, of which my husband was the overseer. It was in those days that I first saw Quilbert, who visited Quereyrouze on Sundays. It seems they had known each other in France. By the request of Quereyrouze, Quilbert stood as godfather at the child's christening at Mansura by Father Grhe, who had but recently arrived in this country. Quereyrouze was very fond of this child, but was greatly displeased for some cause with the mother, Olive, who, with her children, was his slave. The year the cholera was so bad—I think it was in 1833—on returning home from a visit to New Orleans he told his overseer, Belisaire Poydre, that he intended Leon to be free and directed that he be sent to me to be raised. The following day he died of the cholera. He had befriended my husband in a serious trouble, so that when, two days after his death, a nurse came to us with the child and a message from Poydre conveying the wish of Quereyrouze we consented, and I took charge of the little one. Of course he was favored by us and never caused me to regret our action. As child and boy he was good natured, respectful and obedient.

"Quereyrouze was a bachelor, and his heirs lived in France. His will instructed Poydre to wind up his affairs, sell his property and deliver the proceeds to the heirs. This he did four years later. Quilbert bought Olive and her three other children. Leon was not included in the sale, but remained with me. Belisaire Poydre died of yellow fever in 1840. My poor husband was carried off by the same disease in 1842. About six months after my husband's death I received a request from Quilbert to send Leon to visit his mother and receive some presents from his godfather, and, suspecting no trick, I did so. Leon did not come back. I wrote Quilbert a note asking why he detained him. He returned the verbal answer that the boy preferred to remain with his mother. This I did not believe, but I felt myself helpless and took no further steps in the matter. This is all I know of it. I do not pretend to understand the law, but I have always thought Leon was free."

At these last words Leon's face brightened, and he looked eagerly and anxiously to Oakfell.

"And my thought agrees with yours," said the latter.

"Oh, thank the good God!" exclaimed Leon, falling on his knees. "And you will secure and protect me in my freedom, Mr. Horace? You are white, you are rich, you are wise, you are powerful. Defend me from this man who enslaves me against law and justice."

"I will, poor fellow, to the utmost of my power," Oakfell promised. "And if I succeed in establishing your freedom I will lend you the money to buy Odette."

Leon wrung his hands in a paroxysm of joy, but could not speak his gratitude. Mrs. Wyley, however, was moved to say, "God will be on your side in the fight, Mr. Oakfell."

"I can only prevail by the humanity and justice of our laws," said Oakfell. "Listen to me, Leon. I must

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proceed in this undertaking with deliberation. My course will arouse bitter opposition and bad feeling, which should not be provoked prematurely. Meanwhile you must be absolutely under my direction and pledge implicit obedience to my instruction, though it may involve suffering. It is proper that at the institution of your suit for divorce you should be under the apparent control of Quilbert. You must not be a fugitive when you sue for freedom. Therefore you must return to his plantation, though he may put the lash to you for being away tonight. Do not disclose that you have spoken to Mrs. Wyley or myself, though he should torture you to extort the confession, for if he learns that you have conferred with us I do not doubt he will kill you. Can you keep your counsel and ours and endure his cruelty until I send for you and give you further instructions?"

"Mr. Oakfell, I will take the lash and any pain he can put me to if I can gain my freedom and Odette, and neither whip nor fire can force from me one word about this meeting."

"Go, then," said Oakfell, "and be firm."

"God help me to be firm and to be grateful for your goodness and that of Mrs. Wyley," Leon replied and withdrew.

"What is all this, brother?" said Evariste, snuffing and entering the office with noiseless step. "Are you holding abolitionist meetings and receiving messages by the grapevine line? Beware, for there is danger in that."

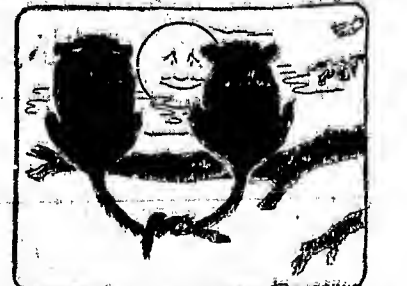
Oakfell explained fully the evening's incident, requesting Evariste's secrecy. "Certainly," said the latter, "I will be silent as the tomb. But indeed I warn you there is more peril in your undertaking than in a genuine abolition grapevine conference. That fellow Quilbert is a devil incarnate. He is as venomous as an adder and as conscienceless. To deliver a thrust from behind or a shot in the dark is as easy to him as a gulp of absinth. He is a relentless later and already has his evil eye on you as an American and as the champion of Estelle Lalland. Moreover, he has a following among the lowest fellows of this parish. Reflect before you draw the ire of such a rascal for the sake of a saffron jockey who never can be more than he is at this present moment."

"Evariste, your affection for me leads you to magnify the dangers and minimize the cause," Horace answered. "You are perhaps young yet to weigh the considerations which have appealed to my conscience tonight. I feel that this disclosure has laid upon me a duty which it would be disgraceful and cowardly in me to shrink. I would assume it were the perils ten thousand times greater than those you imagine. But I do not wish you to be in the least troubled about it. Only sacredly keep what I have confided to you."

Evariste again promised, and good nights were spoken, but the lights in the office burned till the smallest hour of the morning.

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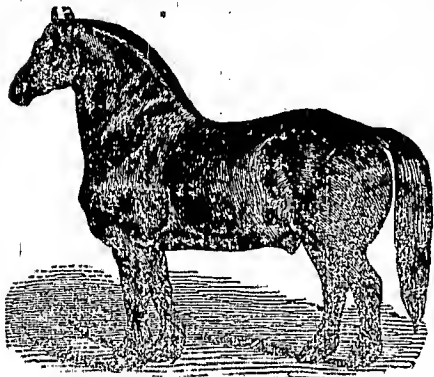
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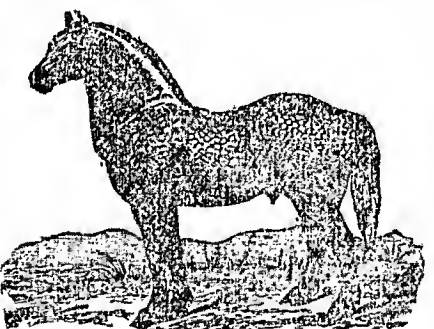
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—Nixon Waterman.

### A Word to Parents About "Our Boy."

Not one boy in a hundred is taught at home how to choose his companions among his school and play fellows, and there are too many mothers who regret, as their sons begin to "grow away from them," that they did not begin very early in the life of the little lads, when first old enough to "go out and play," to find out the kind of boys chosen to share in his games and confidences.

It is claimed to be an acknowledged fact that many a boy who has had the advantage of a good training at home and at schools fails to avail himself of his opportunities and grows up careless in dress and language; and that while not absolutely vicious, he looks leniently upon much that his parents and friends regard as reprehensible.

Among the various causes that lead to such physical, mental and moral laxity, none is more potent than companionship with idle, or immoral boys. Many a lad spends hours with comrades whom he despises at first, then excuses, and finally associates with on terms of a close companionship. We all desire that our sons should keep good company, and we cannot and should not deprive them of the outdoor companionship of boys of their own age. What we most desire is that they themselves should choose their companions among honest, studious, manly boys, and as far as possible, avoid the society of the mean, idle and vicious; yet, at the same time, that they should treat all with the courtesy due from one human being to another.

We can scarcely understand the character of our boy's companions by his own description of them; since boys regard their favorites with eyes that see only their good qualities, forgetting the coarse language, the vulgar jest, the cruel trick, the truant-playing—he is such a jolly fellow, plays such a good game! Although we may notice occasionally that our boy is coarse in speech, or manifests an unusual spirit of rebellion at school regulations, still we do not often associate these acts with "such a good fellow, always ready for fun!" But if we occasionally saw this "good fellow," then, indeed, the cause would not be far to seek. Our boy himself would feel ashamed of his acquaintance, if he saw him in the home circle; he would suddenly discover that his friend was not ashamed that he "talked to mother" with his hat on. These boys of ours are apt to be very chivalrous about "mother;" and, besides, they do not often care for companions of whom they are ashamed.

I once heard a mother say to her son: "Harry, I wonder at you, to be seen on the street with that Brown boy. Why, he is dressed like a beggar!"

Now I, too, had seen Harry and the "Brown boy," and while the boy's clothes were worn and old, they were whole and clean, too, and I knew him to be an upright, manly lad, more so, indeed, than Harry was, or was ever likely to be, with such training. Provided a boy is truthful, clean and careful in his language, we should not



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let the pecuniary circumstances of his condition enter into consideration, for our desire is to build up a noble manhood in our boy; and how despicable a creature is that man who esteems his friends according to the length of their purses.

There is only one way of judging our boy's companions, and that is by knowing them ourselves. This we can do by encouraging him to invite his friends to visit him, not always formally, but new and then as it may happen. We can pleasantly welcome them; but let us be careful not to entertain them too much, for there is nothing a boy hates more than to have a "fuss" made over him. Let us tell our boy to invite some of his friends to spend the evening; and it should be our part to see that the boys have a good time. Do not say "It's only those boys!" Let him feel that his guests are well treated, and he will be the more anxious to look to it that his guests are worthy of the treatment they receive at his hands.

I think that much of the clownish behavior of boys arises from the only-a-boy treatment they experience. Our boy should always tell his mother when he wishes to invite a friend, or if he knows it, when his friends are coming. No matter whether the home consists of one room or twenty, the mother is always the hostess, and she can make her son a well-trained boy, and not allow him under any circumstances, to grow up a boor. Many men owe their success in life to their observance of the minor courtesies in which they were trained by a good mother. These habits, and those of correct speech, should be insisted upon by every mother, because it is so very difficult to acquire either after manhood is reached, and the boy that realizes that "mother is so awfully particular" only for his good, will make an effort to follow her instructions.

### A Wife's Influence.

Lookers-on often see the wonderful influence a wife can exert for the good or failure of her husband. By a graceful, genial manner she may win hosts of friends for him. In nearly every walk of life, where he has to look to the generous public for a livelihood, she can help him; make the yoke easier, and the burden lighter. A powerful factor in the world of business today is found in the influence of woman. She it is who stands by her husband when the darkness and gloom of trouble and depression have settled about him, and

infuses hope into him, and points the way to a new beginning, no matter how small. She is willing to retrench in any way to relieve the sadness and despondency that are wrecking his life.

This is sure to be so where love has entered into the sacrament of a union of two hearts. With the knowledge, the help and the strength that come from a husband and wife thoroughly understanding one another, and working in co-operation, marriage becomes a veritable heaven on earth.

One of the greatest mistakes is that of forming a union upon a money basis. Of course, there are many mercenary women who can and do marry for a home and for rich raiment, but the kind of feminine heart a man desires to beat beside his own is one that cares more for the little attentions in which sentiment is involved, than for great offerings representing only a sum of money. Before marriage there should be practical talks which will result in a thorough understanding of the financial basis upon which the future household is to be run.

A wife to have influence must never deceive her husband in regard to the use of money; he trusts to her. A man always likes to know that in his wife he has a real helpmate—a partner who takes care of his interests in the home when he is absent.

Before everything else a wife has a right to expect from her husband tenderness, sympathy and faith. Sympathy and tact are the qualities husband and wife should cultivate.

It is after marriage that the depth and fullness of love is tasted and tried to the utmost.

### Foods That Steal Flavors.

It is generally understood that butter and milk can be tainted by proximity to decided flavors or odors, but not that all foods absorb and give out more or less of their individual aroma.

Vegetables of the plainest varieties are the worst offenders, not only onion and leek and the more pronounced ones but the tame little beets and the saucy radish.

The subtle ways of these denatured ones is something that households should guard against, but do not.

"We do get so tired of boarding," exclaimed a woman who has gone back and forth from hotels to private boarding houses, but she does not realize the underlying reason.

The real reason is that the foods are all kept in the same place and all cooked in the same atmosphere, double occasion for the flavor exchange that takes place.

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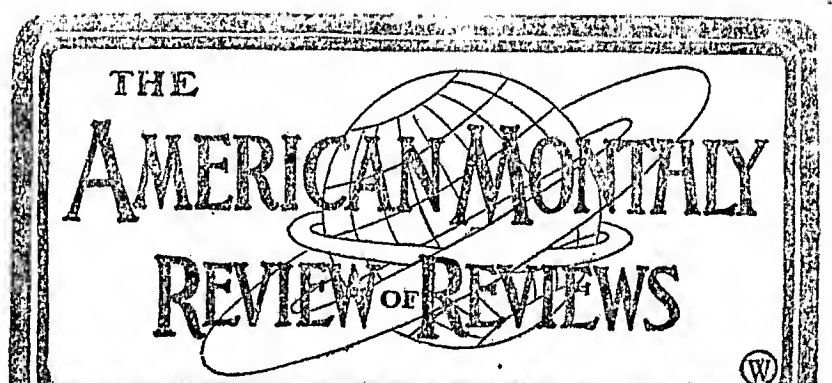
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Mr. Cleveland is determined that Mr. Booker Washington shall have a good and great friend as well as a strenuous one.

A politician is one whose political enthusiasm lasts from one election to another; the ordinary man doesn't bother much about politics excepting when there is voting to be done.

The hundredth birthday anniversaries of several great authors are close at hand. Ralph Waldo Emerson and Bulwer Lytton, 1803, Beaconsfield and Hawthorne, 1804, Whittier and Longfellow, 1807, Tennyson, 1809, Thackeray, 1811, Dickens, 1812.


Formerly Spain produced the best wool, but New South Wales imported Spanish sheep and in their new home their wool has gradually grown softer, more elastic, and longer than that produced in Spain.

A French scientist covers a lot of good paper trying to prove in technical terms that the growth of children is the result of inherited vigor, favorable conditions and proper food. Every mother knows that by intuition.

Santa Claus will be generous to little Margaret Carnegie, but as the same gentleman has been more than generous to the children of the poor, no one will envy her good fortune. With the training she is getting Miss Carnegie should develop into another Helen Gould.

The banquet to Mr. Justice Harlan on the completion of a quarter century of service in the Supreme Court of the United States, was the apotheosis of all that is manly, true and noble in American public life. The eulogy pronounced there by President Roosevelt was worthy of both men and of the nation.

Railway engineers say that the cost of maintaining tunnels and sheds in the Rocky Mountains is seriously increased by the constant moving of the mountains. Ordinarily it takes a landslide to impress upon us that even the mountains must seek the level of the sea, but the engineers with their accurate measurements have to bear the fact constantly in mind.



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## STATE NEWS.

There was a good sized fish famine in Portland and outlying towns last Friday.

Miss Hattie Gautier, aged 14, of Lewiston, was drowned in the canal near the Continental bridge last Thursday.

Notice has been served that a petition for the annexation of South Portland to Portland will be presented before the Legislature this winter.

Rumford Falls paper mills had a chance last week to taste the sweetness of a strike. Matters were adjusted and work resumed. Trouble arose over employment of a non-union man.

Thomas Kelley, a saloon keeper in Orono, claims to have been knocked senseless and robbed of \$310, near the Maine Central station in Orono last Wednesday evening. Kelley was on his way home from his saloon at the time.

At the second city election in Portland, December 15, there was again no choice for mayor, Col. E. E. Boothby, the present incumbent, having a plurality but lacking 187 votes of a majority. The election now goes into the council, which is Republican and will elect Boothby.

Because of old age and physical infirmities Miss Hannah Ann Williams aged 70 years perished in a fire which destroyed the buildings of Thomas D. Stewart at Wells Thursday. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to assist the unfortunate woman who was employed as housekeeper by Mr. Stewart.

Scott Merrill of Greenwood, does not claim to have the smartest 12-year-old boy to be found in the State, but he has one who knows how to use an axo pretty well. The other day he cut six feet of cord wood and split a part of it in six hours. Rossie Merrill is also a good scholar, and will make a smart man if he continues to go the right way.

During the year about 4000 visitors have ferried across the Penobscot to visit Indian Island at Old Town. A great part of them were from out of the State and had curious ideas about the Indians and their methods of life. Most seem to have the idea that the Indians live in the much read of wigwam and still retain the primitive manner of life. Many would not be at all surprised to hear a regular old-fashioned war whoop and see an Indian rush around the corner brandishing a tomahawk and dressed in nature's clothes. The Indians all live in very comfortable houses and their mode of life is almost identical with that of the white man.

Maine men have long played prominent parts in the business world as they have in the realms of politics and statesmanship. The names of many of these successful men from the Pine Tree State are known to thousands but there are others whose achievements while no less deserving, have been forgotten. For instance, few of the great number of Maine people who tell the time of day by looking at watches of American manufacture know that they are indebted to a native of the Maine town of Freeport, for the machine made watch which has been so developed and improved that a good time piece may to-day be procured for a dollar. To Aaron L. Dennison, born in Freeport, in 1812, belongs the honor of founding the systematic manufacture of watches by automatic machinery in the United States. He learned the watchmaker's trade, and while a journeyman in Boston became impressed by his experience with Swiss and English watches, with the necessity of securing greater uniformity of parts. He interested men of means, visited England and built a watch factory in Boston in 1851, the first in America. A little later the establishment was moved to Waltham, now the greatest watch manufacturing center of the world.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The site occupied by the Park street church in Boston, has been sold and will be used for the erection of a large business block.

By the will of the late Robert O. Billings of Jamaica Plain, Mass., over a million dollars has been left to a long list of charitable and educational institutions.

Work is progressing rapidly on the cable to connect San Francisco with the Hawaiian Islands. The formal landing of the cable at the continental end took place Saturday.

Arrangements are being made by the Schoolmasters' club of Massachusetts for the entertainment of the members of the National Association, whose meetings will be held in Boston during the coming summer.

R. C. Whayne a Louisville, Ky., business man who was found in the vicinity of Jacob Park with a gun shot wound in his breast, carried insurance on his life of \$340,000, and had applications pending for \$50,000 more.

Nearly 9,000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to "trek" to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is General Samuel Pearson, late quarter-master general of the South African republic whose headquarters are in New York.

Three officials, two soldiers and 150 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan, Russian Central Asia, Tuesday. In addition 300 natives and 17 soldiers were injured and 9,000 houses of natives and 130 Russian residences were destroyed.

The steamer Medoo collided with the French cruiser La Touche Travielle, as she was leaving Toulon, France, and grounded on the rocks at the Mourillon arsenal. The vessels collided because of a storm and tugs made unsuccessful efforts to get her out. On board the Medoo were the mails, 223 passengers for the East Indies and a number of sailors intended for the French warships on the China station.

Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving, as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The Anglo-American church at St. Petersburg has undertaken to feed and clothe the school children of four Finnish parishes, and pastor Francis has issued an appeal for assistance in this work. He says the conditions to-day are worse than those of 1897, when 100,000 persons died.

A sudden gust of wind caused the death of little Halvia Barrett, the 2½ year old daughter of Harrison D. Barrett of Brookline, Mass., in a most horrible manner Thursday afternoon. The little girl was left in her baby carriage on the sidewalk by her nurse who stepped into a neighboring store to make a purchase. Just after the nurse had entered the store a strong gust of wind carried the light baby carriage with it. The carriage rolled to the curbstone and upset, throwing the child under the feet of a horse which became frightened and trampled on the child, fracturing its skull.

John F. Flannagan, 35 years old, Medford, clerk at the Back Bay postal station, Boston, was arrested last Wednesday. The charge was drunkenness, but he had been sought for two or three days by deputy United States marshal on a charge of robbing the mails. He was taken to the station house on Lagrange street and later delivered into custody of a deputy marshal. Flannagan, it is said, was the central figure in a sensational affair at the Back Bay postoffice Wednesday morning when several clerks, made desperate by the suspicion that had been cast upon them by reason of continued thefts from the mails by one of the force, caught Flannagan, so it is said, in the act, jumped on him, tore the already opened envelope from his possession and made sure of the evidence. Flannagan escaped from his captors and was at liberty until to-day. He has been fifteen years in the service.

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## ITEMS OF INTERST.

A tract of ground along the entire northern boundary of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition site, known as the "Cattellin tract," 4300 feet long and 600 feet wide, has been leased by M. Xavier Pene of Marseilles, France, and his American associates, for a rental of \$430,000.

The credit belongs to Wisconsin of establishing the first county agricultural school in the world at Menomonie, Dunn county. The course is to be two years, and is intended to prepare scholars for agricultural colleges or for farm life at once. The school opened with forty scholars. Dr. K. C. Davis is the principal.

A storekeeper named Gert Senyman, of Harrison, South Africa, has been fined \$50 and costs for selling to a native a bottle of perfume, containing more than 60 per cent. of pure spirits. The evidence showed that the native drank the perfume, and was discovered shortly afterward, hopelessly intoxicated, lying in the gutter.

Reports have been submitted to President E. H. Harriman of the Southern Pacific Railroad, for the construction of a tunnel nearly seven miles long through the Sierra Nevada mountains, at a cost of about \$14,000,000. Such a tunnel would cut down the summit grade about 1,500 feet, and would enable the company to dispense with all but three of the 42 miles of mountain snowsheds.

At the Paris pawn-house about 350,000 watches and 60,000 wedding rings are deposited every year. The oldest object there in 1900 was a suit of clothes on which five francs had been advanced in 1869. It belonged to a soldier who fell in the war in 1870, and whose widow paid the annual due on it for over 30 years in the hope of being able some day to redeem it.

## Marconi's Great Victory.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—After eight experiments conducted with the greatest secrecy, Marconi announces that he has solved the problem of wireless trans-oceanic communication and has successfully transmitted from the shores of Canada to the coast of England wireless messages.

The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor himself Saturday when he stated that the wireless messages had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII. of Great Britain and the King of Italy.

Prior to December 1901, the greatest distance covered by wireless telegraphy scarcely exceeded 100 miles.

Early in that year Marconi visited Newfoundland and from Signal Hill commenced experimenting with Cornwall and December 12 and 13, faint signals of the letter "S" repeated several times were caught by ear only with the aid of telephones. Later on, Marconi on board the steamship Philadelphia, bound for America, succeeded in establishing communication with Cornwall, a distance of 2,100 miles. Marconi met with many difficulties in his experiments but he finally has succeeded in transmitting a message the entire distance across the ocean.

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## Collision at Sea.

The fishing schooner Manhasett arrived in Boston early Monday having on board ten survivors of the wrecked schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Orary, which were in collision Wednesday night off Thatcher's Island. Fifteen or more sailors were either killed in the collision, drowned or died from exposure after the accident, 15 or more from either vessel took to a small boat which was picked up by the Manhasett.

The Louise B. Orary was a five-masted and the Frank A. Palmer a four-masted schooner. They were both coal laden, bound for Boston.

The men were all but helpless as a result of their exposure to the rigorous weather and only ten of them were alive. One of them had become crazed by his sufferings and jumped overboard and disappeared.

Four other members of the little boat's company died from exhaustion and the exposure to which

they had been subjected. The ten survivors were in a pitiable condition. All were frost bitten and some of them will probably have their feet and hands amputated. The Manhasett came into port early Monday morning showing signals for assistance and by the time she arrived at the wharf ambulances were ready to transfer the sailors to the hospital. Only six of the men could be moved, however. The other four were in such a critical condition that it was deemed impossible that they could survive being taken from the vessel.

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## WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Christmas. Happy greetings to all. Miss Rosa Bean was out of town over Sunday.

A few crows are spending the holidays here.

Woodpiles are growing large in the yards of farmers.

Fine weather for the beginning of winter, with just enough snow for good sleighing.

Mrs. A. J. Haskell was visited last Saturday by her father, mother, two sisters and a brother.

Harlan P. Dennison and wife have their youngest son and daughter with them this week.

Miss Ethel L. Allen worked in H. W. Dennison's store Saturday, but is now in the store of A. J. Haskell, where she will remain for two weeks.

The town ferry-boat when last heard from had not reached the northwest shore of the Androscoggin, but was ice-bound in the middle of the river.

Joseph S. Mason who has been seriously ill for several months, passed away yesterday.

## NEWRY CORNER.

"O would you be happy on Christmas day From morning's dawn till the set of sun?"

I'll tell you a little secret sweet That will make your Christmas a happy one!

Think not alone of the costly gifts Which loving hands may on you bestow.

But find some way to make others glad And trust joy shall be yours I know.

After an illness of some weeks, Mr. Don Smith is able to be out again.

Mrs. Virgil Chapman is much better.

Mrs. L. E. Rowe and little daughter Elizabeth of Bangor, will make their home with Rev. and Mrs. Congdon during the winter.

H. S. Hastings went to Portland on Saturday.

Our Christmas sermon by Rev. W. H. Congdon was founded on the words of Paul in Colossians, first chapter, nineteenth verse.

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## WEST PARIS.

The Rebekah contest closed last Tuesday night with Captain Orra Bird as winner. A surprising amount of talent has developed on both sides, and the meetings have been of great interest.

Mrs. Solon Ryerson who has been in poor health for many years died last week, and the funeral was held last Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist chapel, services being conducted by Rev. R. A. Rich.

The big new engine for the Paris Mfg. Co. has come and the machinery is being put in order as fast as possible.

W. E. Ricker has gone to Worcester, Mass., to work.

## GRAFTON.

Miss Lilian Brown is home from Portland for a short visit.

G. W. Newton who has been visiting at Mrs. N. M. Brown's, has returned to his home in West Auburn.

Willard Pratt has gone to Erol, N. H., where he will work in the woods this winter for R. B. Thurston.

G. A. Otis who went to Norway Thursday, returned Sunday with a fine pair of horses purchased, we understand of Mr. Andrews.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY.

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## SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

The Baptist church gave a Christmas concert Sunday evening. The tree will be Christmas eve.

Harry Wheeler is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Roy Porter is at home for the Christmas vacation from the University of Maine.

Miss Sally Warren, daughter of the mayor of Westbrook, is visiting at A. W. Pottle's.

The Universalists gave a supper to the Sunday school children Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening the Christmas tree and concert will be held.

All the schools closed for Christmas week.

Howard Shaw shot a large deer down near Costigan.

Miss Lisbeth Murphy is clerking in C. W. Bowker's store through the holidays.

A dance will be given in New Hall Tuesday night under the auspices of Ira Shaw.

Mrs. Annie Stowell was in town Saturday.

## ANDOVER.

We have had a week of good weather, several days of beautiful sunshine, and everyone is looking forward now to the holidays, and Santa Claus is busy trying to arrange matters so that each child shall be remembered.

Our merchants have quite a display of Christmas goods and are well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Acres have gone to Portland to visit their son Clarence, who is in business there employed by Mr. Leslie Mason.

Mr. Asa West was in town for a few days last week.

Mr. Burdett and his daughter Ella came to Andover for a short visit last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey attended the meeting of the State Grange in Portland last week. Mr. Bailey went as a delegate.

Mrs. F. P. Thomas and Mrs. R. L. Melcher visited Rumford Falls and Lewiston last week.

Mr. Harry Percival of Manitoba, Can., is staying at the Milton Hotel.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Josephine Tobin is in failing health.

On account of the rain storm but few attended the baked bean supper at the Universalist vestry on Tuesday evening.

Miss Nellie Ripley visited Rumford Falls last Saturday.

Misses Flossie Perkins and Maggie Littlehale are attending Farmington Normal School.

Rev. J. A. Waterworth preached at Falmouth last Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Olcott Poor have been visiting friends in Boston, and left for New York last week.

Dr. F. E. Leslie reports several surgical cases the past week.

Mrs. John French and daughter May left for Boston last Monday for a visit of some weeks.

Miss May French entertained some of her young lady friends on Friday evening.

Miss Mattie Hall of So. Andover entertained her school friends on Friday evening, Dec. 19.

We are glad to report Carroll Swett as improving.

Mrs. George Farrar has sold her place at East Andover to Mr. Hatten who has been living on the Frank Perkins farm. Mrs. Farrar has gone to reside in Rumford where her husband owns a place.

Mr. Henry V. Poor and wife celebrated their birthdays in Brookline, Mass., at their city residence. Mr. Poor received many congratulations upon reaching the venerable age of 90 years. Mrs. Poor is 82 and very bright and interesting, keeping up an interest in all the passing events. They celebrated Mr. Poor's birthday by a gathering of all his children. Upon Mrs. Poor's birthday they had the nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Mr. Henry W. Poor is hauling a quantity of green cord wood to the Corner.

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## The Small of the Back

That is where some people feel weak all the time.

They are likely to be despondent and it is not unusual to find them borrowing trouble as if they hadn't enough already.

The fact is their kidneys are weak, either naturally or because of sickness, exposure, worry or other influences.

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## HANOVER.

Mr. Charles Smith of Farmington, spent a portion of last week with his brothers, G. L. and E. P. Smith.

Orrin Dyke and family have returned home from the Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Welch of Rumford Falls, were calling on friends in town Monday.

Frank Simpson has returned to Hanover and is working at the saw mill.

Mrs. Eben Barker and Mrs. Forest Howe went to Bethel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Twitchell went to Bethel, Sunday, for their little daughter Marion who has been visiting her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Twitchell for the past few weeks.

## GROVER HILL.

Mrs. V. Blake has returned to her home in Milan, N. H.

Allan Cole visited his family in Greenwood Sunday.

E. S. Kilborn and J. A. Barrows were at Mr. Kilborn's farm Saturday.

Robert L. Manning was the guest of Levi Browne Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Grover will dine with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wheeler Christmas day.

## BRYANT POND.

Miss Nora Thomas is teaching school in the Bryant district.

Miss Grace Noyes is working for Mrs. John Tins.

Mrs. Lesmore Currier spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland with her mother.

Christmas is to be observed at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24.

Horace Berry had a bad heart spell Thursday morning while at work at the quarry. He was brought home, and was in his usual health in the afternoon.

Mr. Berry has lost a great deal of sleep during his wife's illness, and will not work at the quarry for the present. Mrs. Berry is somewhat improved in health, but not able to be about the house yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morse have moved back into their house.

Miss Ola Dudley is in much better health at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deshon are stopping at her grandparents'. Mr. Deshon is working in Dearborn's saw room.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannu Cushman and Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. Perham attended the State Grange in Portland last week.

Robert Crockett is the lucky one to get the barrel of No. 1 flour given by the Wheat Germ Co. to the one getting the required letters in the packages, which spell Wheat Germ.

## The Itch.



See Mabel stood by the garden bed, Where the tall white iris grew. "Oh, mamma!" in tones of delight she said, "It's holding its little hands over its head To ward off the rain and dew!" - Mary Elliott Floyd in St. Nicholas.

## Morris Chair or Rocker

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Once, in a splendid pageant in Rome, the body of a beautiful child was entirely covered with gold leaf to represent a golden cupid. The throngs wondered, admired and applauded the dainty, dazzling creature.

That night the child died. The pores of the skin had been so closed by the gold that the impurities of the body, driven back into the system, poisoned the blood and death resulted. When people suffer and die from blood disorders the process is much the same. Then the impurities remain in the blood because some part of the body gets out of order and nature cannot do her work.

This is the reason that Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy cures blood diseases, because it drives impurities out of the system. It helps nature perform her work. It enriches poor blood, it purifies bad blood. It revitalizes the whole system and builds up health and strength. Dr. Greene's Nervura makes men strong and vigorous and keeps women young and beautiful. Dr. Greene's Nervura cures sick headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervousness, insomnia, general or nervous debility, and all diseases resulting from impure blood and disordered nerves.

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## NURSERY NOTES.

Try giving castor oil in warm weather with plenty of sugar. The baby's lips will smack over it.

It is much easier to dress baby on the bed than on your lap. You will have both hands free and greater liberty of motion.

If the baby kicks much in his bath it will be well for the first month to bathe him with his binder on. This will prevent all danger of straining.

There is nothing children love much better than small furniture, made for them. Little chairs they often have, but low tables are more rare. They should have them also.

Mothers make the memories that are to be the inheritance of their children during all our lives. What a tribute to mother love it is, when the silver haired man or woman says: "We did have such good times when we were children!"

It is always a good sign for a baby to sleep a great deal, and delicate and puny infants who sleep much become strong and healthy children. Even babies who are large and thriving at birth, unless they get a great deal of sleep, become weak and sickly.

## Facial Mask.

I have been asked about the value of medicated face masks, and have learned the efficacy of a homemade mask in a case of severe clogging and inactivity of the pores. The girl who tried it made a mask for herself from two old linen towels, worn very thin. She made her preparation of oatmeal boiled to a pulp and mixed with buttermilk. Spreading this on the towels, she made two flat poultices, which covered almost all of her face except the nose, and, trying it on, she went to her room and took a nap of two hours.

When she awoke her skin looked fresher and fairer than for a long time, and, encouraged, she persisted in the use of her mask, making a fresh one every day. At the end of a week her skin was like soft silk, and naturally she has sworn by her method ever since. This oatmeal and buttermilk, or simple bread and milk, or even oatmeal and water, cannot but be beneficial to the skin, cleansing it, whitening it and making it softer and smoother. Such is the only "facial mask" I would ever advise.—Exchange.

## Grease Spots.

Many a housewife who thinks she knows the best way to eradicate grease spots, the most common of all stains, finds that within a few weeks after treatment the garment has an unsightly ring where the spot was. This was due to the fact that when the stain was rubbed and the grease loosened, it, lacking an absorbent, spread itself into the surrounding fabric. This is the right way to remove a grease spot: Take benzine, gasoline, turpentine or, best of all, ether, and moisten a large ring around the grease spot, gradually working toward the center. When this is reached, immediately saturate two pieces of blotting paper with the spirit, place one beneath and the other on top and press with a weight. By this means the grease will be absorbed as soon as dissolved.

## A Christmas Chat !!!

We have told you about mowing machines, farming implements, paints and oils, and other articles of our stock in their season, but unless you're as slow as the man who "skated up river and mowed all day," you don't want to hear about them.

## HOLIDAY GOODS

Interest all at this time. You are ready for the year's "close time." You cannot even put up Wire Fence; your plants are all potted, and you'll be fortunate if Jack Frost does not arrange for many empty pots before spring. He certainly will if he does not find some of our

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## A WOMAN PASTOR.

Rev. Mary A. Safford is a Prominent Unitarian Minister.

One of the most prominent and successful ministers among the western Unitarians is the Rev. Mary A. Safford of Des Moines, Ia. Miss Safford, who is a zealous and untiring worker in all that pertains to her church organization, is accredited with having organized and built up more flourishing churches in the west than any other one minister. During her pastorate in Sioux City, Ia., which extended over fourteen years, she became well known on account of the unusual liberality shown toward her fellow workers in other and widely different religious de-

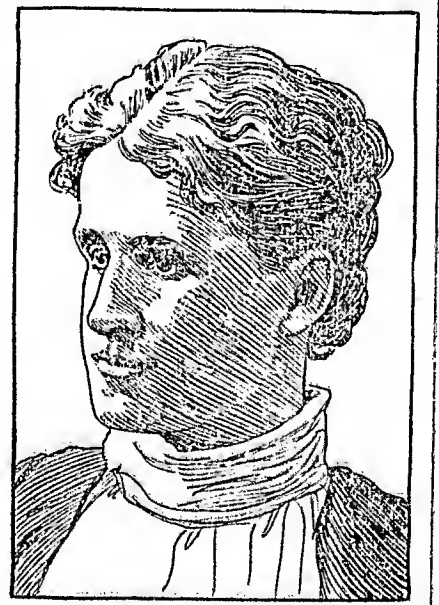
world or by some modern novel of doubtful morals. The chance of such a catastrophe is so small in the case of a child who is really fond of reading as to be practically nothing. The reason is that such a child reads all books for the story or the descriptions or the element of interest, whatever that may be, which it understands.

In all the older poets there is enough beauty and interest to hold the attention without any of it being given to the suggestive passages, and it is this which the child enjoys. The rest of the book is beyond its experience and therefore uninteresting. It is shocking or distasteful to the grown person because the latter reads into it the full meaning of the author by the light of experience or mature knowledge. The child, having no such light, is undisturbed and uncontaminated.

The normal boy and girl are fully aware of not understanding everything in life, but there are so many interesting things in sight that it is not worth while to bother about the others. Ruskin's advice was good—to turn girls and boys into a good library and let them browse. Unless their attention is called to a book by a prohibition they will almost invariably select what interests them—that is, what is good for them—and ignore the rest.—New York News.

Children's Questions. Little folks are wont to ask the most terribly embarrassing questions at times, and the more intelligent children are the more they will want to know, for the active little brain of a clever child is always asking the why and wherefore of everything. In dealing with children's questions be careful to discriminate between those which are asked from the desire to know and those which are the outcome merely of a childish love of talking. The latter are often best dealt with by saying quite gently, "If you think a little, dear, you will be able to answer that for yourself." To questions of the former class reply if possible as carefully as you would to an adult question. If the matter be beyond the child's comprehension or unsuitable for explanation to one of tender years, don't make any foolish or evasive answer. Say simply: "I cannot explain that to you now, for you are not old enough to understand it. By and by, when you are older, if you will come and ask me again, then I will do my best to tell you what you want to know." If parents would speak thus to their children instead of snubbing or laughing at their questions, they would keep their confidence and by and by would be referred to for information which boys and girls are sure to want and which is best learned from a father's or mother's lips.

A wet cloth wrapped around a milk jar or bottle will cause the milk to retain its sweetness longer.



REV. MARY A. SAFFORD.



## BERLIN, N. H.

Mamie Hopkins of Groveton, is visiting friends in the city.

H. N. Cordwell is seriously ill at his home on Green street.

A. M. Stahl was in West Bethel, Me., recently.

Mrs. Thomas Galvin of Gorham, is the guest of Mrs. David Walsh.

Mrs. Leon Mayo left Monday of last week for a visit with relatives in Orono, Me.

Sam Lippman of New York, was the guest of Oscar Wagner the first of last week.

Mrs. O. M. Mason of Bethel, Me., is visiting her daughter Alice for a few weeks.

Mrs. H. K. Eckle of Groveton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forbush recently.

Will F. Davis is at work on the local census for the Barney Press Berlin City Directory.

Four teachers are now employed in the evening school and over sixty members are enrolled.

Mrs. John Scott and Ellen Boyer have opened dressmaking rooms in the Thorndyke House.

A. Brown returned Saturday from a business trip to Portland, Me. Mr. Brown is making preparations to open a wholesale store in Abbott's block on Main street.

## GORHAM N. H.

Mrs. R. H. Emerson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Cabana, in Island Pond.

Mrs. Isaac McIntire of the upper village has been seriously ill for the past week.

Miss Daisy Stahl who has been ill for the past two weeks is reported to be improving.

Miss Violet Schandler has closed her labors at the store of E. Libby & Sons.

W. W. Jewell who has been very ill with inflammatory rheumatism is gaining slowly.

Levi Browne of the upper village, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is improving.

Miss Effie Paul, assistant teacher in the high school, has gone to her home in Somerville, Mass.

Miss Bertha Wayland left last Friday for her home at East Deering, where she will spend her vacation.

Miss Kathleen Mullen who has been visiting in Boston and Portsmouth for the past two months, has returned home.

Miss Minnie Shorey went to her home in East Deering after closing her school on Gorham hill.

Mrs. C. H. Barrett is very ill at her home on Mechanic street. Her sister, Mrs. Chas. Thurston of Island Pond, Vt., is caring for her.

Miss Grace H. Bass left last Saturday for Worcester, Mass., for the remainder of the winter, where she will continue her studies in vocal music.

Mrs. S. C. Stahl and little son of Berlin and Mrs. Stahl's sister, Mrs. Hattie Dunn of Groveton were in town a few days last week visiting at Simon Stahl's.

Mrs. Thomas Galvin left Monday to visit friends and relatives in Berlin, Island Pond, Richmond and Montreal, Que. She expects to be absent the remainder of the winter.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Robertson who died Dec. 10, at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. F. H. Robertson, after an illness of five weeks of pneumonia, was held at the home on Exchange street on Friday afternoon, Rev. A. G. Earle, pastor of All Souls' Universalist church, conducting the service. The remains were placed in the tomb, and in the spring will be laid beside her son, the late F. H. Robertson, in the village cemetery.

Had Mrs. Robertson lived until April 10, she would have been 64 years of age. Mrs. Robertson came to Gorham about five weeks previous to her sudden death to pass the winter with her daughter, and was taken ill almost upon her arrival, and from that time was unable to leave her bed. Her sons, E. M. and W. Scott Robertson with their wives of Bethel, were present at the funeral.

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There was a pretty little romance mixed up in the episode. Guzman had a nephew who was the commander-in-chief of his army and in training to succeed him as president. The nephew was engaged to marry Mr. Russell's daughter, and when he heard of how his prospective father-in-law had been treated he went to the palace to remonstrate. Guzman told the bold lover that he could choose between his Yankee sweetheart and the destiny that awaited him in Venezuela. The young man broke his sword over his knee, threw the two pieces at his uncle's head, dashed out of the palace, collected a few of his cronies, got a long rope, pulled down several statues Guzman Blanco had erected in his own honor, then mounted his horse, rode over the Indian trail to La Guayra and joined Mr. Russell's family on the steamer a few minutes before it sailed. Upon their arrival in Boston the couple were married and the ex-general of the Venezuelan army went into the chocolate business.—Record-Herald.

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"After a simple meal had been put away," Mr. White relates, "Reed pushed back his chair and began to talk. For three long hours he discoursed most beautifully upon life, its uncertainty, its real rewards, and its checks and balances; upon fame and its accidents and its emptiness; upon death and immortality, and God and all His ways and works. It was a kind of funeral oration, the like of which few men are privileged to hear. At the end of it all the big man threw back his head and looked up at the great oak rafters of the room for a long while and then let his hands fall heavily on the short arms of the chair as he sighed 'Hi ho! What does it all mean? where is it going? who are we? what is this unfathomable mystery we call life—God knows! I don't.'"

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Only one marble statue of the human figure with eyeglasses is known. It is one of the gems of the Vatican, the "Sleeping Ariadne," and was discovered in 1503.

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Al Shissler, a gambler, who killed F. W. Renl at Watertown, Wis., recently, is out on bail and goes wherever he pleases, but William Crandall, a poor actor, who chanced to witness the murder, is confined in jail as a witness, with a prospect of remaining there for several months to come.

A great many members of Congress and others in Washington regret that Senator Hanna is not keeping house this winter. Last session the senator used to give corned beef hash for breakfasts which were the delight of those favored with invitations. President Roosevelt was a frequent guest at these breakfasts. This winter Mr. Hanna will live in one of the Washington hotels.

Mrs. Grant was very well provided for financially in her latter years. Patriotic friends of the general gave the family many presents of value, besides the New York house, which they occupied for a number of years; the government granted her a pension of \$5000 per annum, and the proceeds from the sale of her husband's memoirs are said to have netted her nearly \$500,000.

Pedro Alvarado of Parral, Mexico, said to be worth \$40,000,000 has offered his entire fortune to the government of the republic, the money to be used in liquidating the national debt, which now amounts to about four times the amount named. Senor Alvarado explains that his wealth came from mines, title to which was given him by the government, and that, therefore, he can well afford to gratify his desire.

A French scientist, visiting the ruins of St. Pierre, Martinique, notes that while much of the stone masonry is well preserved, every vestige of ironwork, and other metals was destroyed by the fearful blasts of hot gases that came from Mount Pelée, nothing being left but a black powder. Evidently some extremely rapid chemical action took place, which changed the metals into oxides, etc.

Governor Jennings has received a telegram from Palatka, Fla., stating that the fluid being used by the United States authorities in the efforts to kill hyacinth in the St. John's river and its tributaries by spraying it, is daily causing the death of hundreds of cattle on the ranges bordering upon these waters. The sender of the telegram urged prompt action to secure an investigation looking to the ending of the danger to the cattle.

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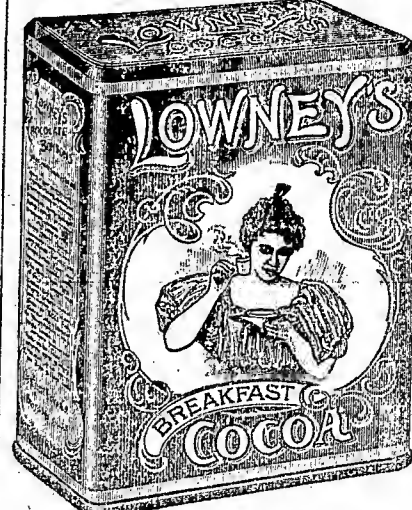
"Father," began a lad the other night, "is Mr. T. a good man?"  
"Yes, my son. I regard him as one of the best men in Michigan."  
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Like most of the instructive games, it requires some preparation. In all the large dictionaries and in many encyclopedias and gazetteers may be found all the flags of the nations, printed in colors, and they are usually printed on a page all together. Let some one who has a box of water colors paint the flags on a sheet of white cardboard, putting a number under each flag instead of the name of the country. Then as many sheets of paper should be prepared as there are persons to take part in the game, with numbers down the left hand margin of each sheet.

When you are ready to play the game, give a sheet of paper to each player, tack the cardboard up in plain view and allow, say, half an hour's time for the players to write opposite to the numbers the names of the nations that belong there. No. 1, for example, will be the United States; No. 2, Great Britain; No. 3, France; No. 4, Russia; No. 5, Italy, and so on.

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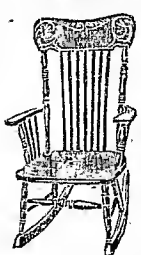
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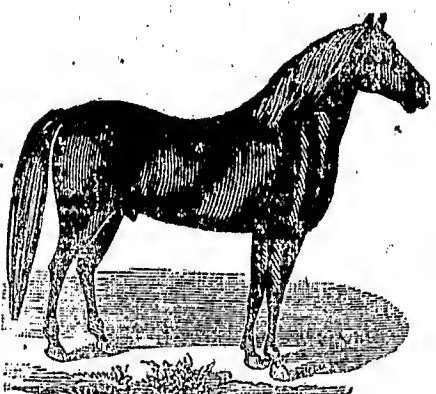
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## MATEO.

### CHAPTER I.

Doctor Lane lived away up in the Andes, more than twelve thousand feet above the sea. He was a New Englander who, with several others of his profession, had come to this distant land in order to care for the sick connected with the great railway fast stretching itself upward from the coast. His home was a little house with a roof of corrugated iron that rattled when the wind blew. Separated from this abode by a swinging foot-bridge across the torrent, was a long, low hospital, where lay the patients who were the doctor's especial care.

The doctor was one day jogging along upon the back of Zamba, his mule. She was a beautiful creature, with her glossy, mouse-colored skin, her slender flanks and narrow well-set head.

He suddenly heard hoof-beats behind. He removed his pipe and turned about in his saddle, to see quite a cavalcade pressing up toward him on the bridge-path. As, just here, this path made about all there was of level valley, with an almost vertical mountain on one side, and on the other, the precipitous banks of the stream, the doctor perceived he must get on faster, to avoid being perhaps crowded against the rocks or pushed over the verge. So he lightly pressed his jingling spurs into the mules' sleek sides—very lightly you may be sure, for he loved the reliable animal—and she at once responded by raising her head, shaking her long ears, and breaking into a swinging pace. Without special guidance, she turned into the smaller quebrada (as the people of those countries call a mountain valley), where her rider abruptly wheeled about, bringing her to a full stop.

Traveling was so difficult and expensive a matter that the few who did journey there were always regarded with the interest that even the smallest event obtains in such an isolated community. So the doctor reined up his mule and waited for the riders behind. It was a family party, doubtless bound across the summit to the country on the eastern and far more habitable slope of the Andes. There was the father, then the mother, and, behind them, came half a dozen children, all carefully mounted; while, still behind them, rode the attendants necessary to such a journey. Pack-mules carried the luggage and mattresses, and other comforts all ways provided for mountain travel. Every one looked tired enough, but not half so tired as the small dog who limped at the rear of the whole party.

When the last mule had passed, this dog stopped, looked up and whined dismally. An *arriero* (mule driver) sharply called out to him.

"Ven away, Mateo! Oe, ven away." But the animal, instead of obeying, lay down near Doctor Lane's mule, showed his double row of teeth to the Indian, and refused to budge. The *arriero* spoke even more crossly than before, then tried the opposite tactics by addressing him in a kind of coaxing tone. This, however, succeeded no better.

"Carreamba! I'll leave him, then, to come along when he pleases, the brute!" He spurred his animal and galloped rapidly away.

"That's a fine way to treat a poo, dumb beast, and a foot-sore one at that!" was the doctor's indignant comment, as he dismounted. The man called him Mateo. "Come here Mateo; come here, poor fellow!" But though his tone was kind, the poor dog never stirred. The doctor smiled, and said: "Of course, he don't mind, because he can't understand me. I'll try the Spanish, now, and see if I have any better success. *Ven dea Mateo; porreito!*"

Ah! Now Mateo feebly wagged his stumpy tail and wriggled an inch or so nearer his new friend. The latter met the prompt though weak advance by himself advancing and stooping to pat him on the head.

"He's quite done up!" he muttered, as the dog made a perceptibly great effort to lick his extended hand. He looked up, to per-

ceive Zamba making off, at the top of her speed, for the house so tantalizingly near.

"Nobody seems to miss the dog, at least nobody seems to be coming back for him," pursued Doctor Lane, shading his eyes from the piercing sunshine, as he gazed up along the road. "I cannot leave the poor brute here, to die, as he seems more than likely to do. I'll take him myself, and if he lives and is ever hunted up, why, I'll restore the stolen property right off!"

So saying, he gently lifted the suffering creature and carried him home. Mateo seemed to grasp the situation at once, even trying to curl himself up in comfortable dog-fashion, when deposited on the doctor's own bed.

Hong, at once the doctor's cook and tyrant, grumbled, in Chinese, as he saw this performance. And when asked for a dish of milk for the new arrival, he grunted and mumbled something about "the goats milkee alee time—ebly time somebody come, want tea, then go milkee, milkee!" But the doctor smiled and answered good-humoredly:

"You're quite right, Hong. The goats do have a good deal to endure, but there don't seem to be any other way, as we can't keep a cow here."

It was by this time out in the corral, where lay the patient animals toward which Hong seemed, for once, to feel so kindly. At sight of their master they all three rose briskly and bounded toward him. Two leaped with their forefeet to his shoulder, while the third responded docilely to Hong's immediate, if reluctant, demand upon her.

Mateo eagerly lapped the rich, warm milk, went peacefully to sleep, and after some hours, woke—another dog.

He promptly settled down, without seeming to bother himself about any former home or master. He adopted the whole household, but reserved always special devotion for Doctor Lane.

"Mateo" is "altogether too much of a mouthful for me," said the doctor, some days after the dog's arrival; "and if he is to remain here I shall curtail it at once. 'Mat' you are sir, henceforth, in this establishment."

Mat blinked his eyes and wagged his tail, in assent to the change. He not only responded to the abbreviation, but seemed to understand the English constantly spoken about him. He slept at the doctor's feet, and awakened him on the slightest disturbance or the approach of any of the attendants.

Time passed, and no word came from Mat's old owner. But the doctor did learn, soon after the passage of the party that they were on their way to Jauja (pronounced How-hah). They were seeking that far-famed lovely valley in the hope that there the pale mother of all these ruddy children would forget to cough.

### CHAPTER II.

Some eighteen months later, Doctor Lane received news which led him to give up his position and return to his own country.

He was going over the hospital for the last time with his assistant who was to be his successor when the latter abruptly said:

"I suppose you'll leave me Mat along with the other animals?"

At mention of his name, the devoted dog looked up and whined. "I really believe he knows I'm going," remarked Doctor Lane. "He doesn't seem himself a bit today. Of course I'll leave him and you will be as good a master as I've tried to be to him. He'll soon come to care quite as much for you as he now does for me, and, like all the rest of the world, in time will forget old friends. Won't you, old fellow? Poor old Mat! Poor doggie!" he continued. "It does seem a shame to leave you, but I can't take you with me, all the same."

"I'll take good care of him," said Doctor Anstey; "you may rest assured of that. But I doubt if it isn't a very long time before he gets to think even a quarter as much of me as he does of you." So saying, they passed out to mount their mules, for the ride of some miles, to the end of the track.

"I didn't say good-by to either the goats or Mat, confided the elder man to his companion, as they turned a bend in the road. "I really didn't have the courage. I

got Hong to shut up the dog, so he shouldn't follow me. It would break me all up."

Doctor Lane turned in the saddle, but, as far as he could see, there was no trace of a moving creature in the direction whence they had come.

In front of the terminal station the little engine, La Favorita, with its glass observation car, stood letting off steam. The officials whom it had brought up were inside the building, where they greeted the doctors with an invitation to accompany them down to Lima.

Doctor Lane happened to be the last of the party to leave La Favorita at Monserrat; the incoming trains on that road now run further down town, to Desempeados station, in Lima. As he turned, he saw, to his great surprise, a little dog crawling from under a cushioned seat, his tail concealed between his hind legs and his head hanging in shame-faced abasement.

"Why, Mat, how did you get out and follow us, and secrete yourself here, I'd like to know? But what can I do with you now?" said the doctor quickly. "Poor Mat! But your master can't stay with you, all the same, poor, naughty doggie!"

He turned to give some instructions about the disposition of his saddle and trappings, which a station employe was to care for until they could be sold. As he spoke he saw Doctor Anstey quietly lift the little animal up and bestow him in the agent's inner room—doubtless with the intention of coming back to claim him, when he should start in the morning on his return trip up the road.

All arrangements once completed, Doctor Lane was driven rapidly across the city to the train that was to bear him to Callao, the port of embarkation, eight miles away. His heart was full, for, though he looked forward with keen pleasure—as who does not?—to again seeing friends of his youth, he none the less felt this breaking of more recent ties.

A shrill shriek of the high-pitched English engine gave the final warning, and Doctor Anstey was about to turn back to the carriage after seeing Doctor Lane on the train, when a subdued whine attracted his attention. There stood the conductor kicking Mat from the edge of the platform, whence he had evidently meant to leap after his departing master.

How the faithful creature had made his way thither by devious paths through the narrow crowded streets must ever remain a mystery.

He gently placed the tired, panting dog in the cab and drove back to Monserrat, bidding an attendant care for him till his return the next day.

He had, however, again reckoned without his host. For, no sooner did Mat find himself once more at liberty in the baggage-room, than he proceeded to lie down upon the doctor's outfit, while he settled himself over all that remained of one he so dearly loved.

With his head between his paws, he remained hour after hour, till the time came for closing.

There had been, apparently, no change when the station men sought him out in the morning.

When touched by such display of devotion they tried to tempt his confidence with food and drink, he again repeated his offensive demonstrations.

"He's goin' to guard that outfit till the doctor comes to claim it! That's what he's got it in his head to do!" exclaimed the man to whom Doctor Anstey had entrusted him.

"Well, I've got to get about my business," replied the doctor. "I have no choice but to go back up the road when this morning's train goes. I did hope to take the little fellow back with me."

"Fact is," said the Yankee conductor, "the doctor ought to have taken the poor brute along with him. If he'd been mine, you wouldn't ever of'ketch me leavin' such a lovin' friend behind, when the world ain't any too full of true friends at the best."

Doctor Anstey made no audible reply to this remark, but in his heart he agreed with it.

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## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

## Hang your stockings.

Miss Angie Chapman spent the first of the week with friends at West Bethel.

Mr. Clifford Wheeler is spending the winter with his daughter, Miss Olive Wheeler. His horses and cattle are domiciled for the present in J. M. Philbrook's stable on High St.

The annual reunion of the students of the Shaw-Business College will take place at the College rooms in Portland, Augusta and Bangor on Saturday evening, Jan. 3. All past students are cordially invited to be present. A very enjoyable time is expected.

What came near being a disastrous fire occurred at the pool mill of E. L. Tebbets & Co., Locke Mills, Saturday evening, when at about 7:30 fire was discovered in one of the dry houses. The watchman immediately blew the whistle and within a few minutes nearly every man in the village was fighting the fire. A line of hose was laid from the force pump, and with the aid of the automatic sprinklers, with which this mill is supplied, the fire was soon under control, but not before the dry-house and engine-room were considerably damaged.



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## For Sale.

A set of "Messages and Papers of the Presidents" has been left at the News office for sale. It has just been received from the publishers and is new. Anyone desiring this most excellent work should make inquiries at the office. Bethel's allotment was three sets and this is one of them.

## For Sale.—Furnished House.

The Meyer house, situated on the corner of Church and Main streets, and fronting upon Bethel Common, in Bethel village, formerly known as the Skillings house. This house has recently been put in good repair and elegantly furnished. For terms apply to

HERBICK & PARK,  
Bethel, Maine.

## Farm for Sale.

The Ethridge farm, so called, on Grover Hill, last occupied by Chas. W. Willey. Good orchard, sufficient wood for place. Some young timber, excellent pasture and good buildings. A good bargain for a party wanting a farm. Apply to HERBICK & PARK, Bethel, Me.

## RENT.

Tenement for rent the first of January, on Main street.  
2w31 CHARLES MASON.

## NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of HORACE GEARY late of Greenwood, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately. Dated Dec. 16, 1902. Lydia Ann Geary.

## Mateo.

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departed, that the faithful creature would be made as comfortable as possible.

But day after day passed, with Mat oblivious of surrounding events, except when threatened interference brought out a low growl from between the parched lips. He was becoming very thin from fasting.

"He'll die at his post," said the man especially interested in him.

Then a strange thing happened. A gentleman, one of the managers of the road, had organized an expedition in honor of a world-famous singer, then in the country for the first time. Like every other tourist, she wanted to see the wonderful railway built above the clouds. The manager in order to make the trip a thoroughly enjoyable one, had invited a select party to accompany her, and their special train was to make stops at every point of interest along the route.

Among the company gathered at Monserrat awaiting the making up of the picnic-train, was a little boy, a very little boy, the invalid only son of the manager, who had been included in the party because he had never yet seen the great work that demanded so much of his father's time and attention, and because the easy stages of this particular journey afforded an opportunity of sight-seeing without fatigue. "Oh, father, please let me see Mateo, if there is time," Alfredo said.

You see, everybody in Lima already knew about Mat. His story had even got into the papers of that date.

The father led the way to the baggage-room.

"Oh!" uttered Alfredo softly, limping at his father's hand, as he caught sight of the little animal, looking smaller than ever, in his now wasted condition. The tears stood in the blue eyes that had remained dry in the midst of his own suffering. He reached out his hand to pat the dog, when some one spoke up quickly from behind:

"Don't let him touch the creature."

"The poor, wee beast is too weak to try to bite now, sir!" quickly replied the employee.

Alfredo's father, who could not resist any reasonable wish of his afflicted child, lifted him nearer still, so that he might creep in between Mat's paws. The boy lightly laid his fair, curly head upon the poor, tired dog's back.

Everybody held his breath, for, in spite of the stationman's reassurance, many felt it a dangerous experiment.

Presently, to their surprise, the dry lips opened, not to snap or snarl, but to softly lick the tender hand caressing them. Then the tail wagged feebly, and Alfredo called out:

"Bring some milk quickly!"

Wonder of wonders! When the saucer appeared Mat made two ineffectual efforts to rise. Then he thrust out his head toward the drink before him.

Alfredo promptly detached his arms from his neck and, raising the dish, held it at such an angle as would permit Mat's lapping lips to reach the milk.

"And what a touching picture the two did make!"

An official announced that the train was ready to start.

"Tell them to hold it!" called back Alfredo's father, who was quite as interested as his son in the dog.

And when a full half-hour later the train did start, it carried a passenger for whose transportation no plans had been made in the planning of the party.

Upon the velvet cushion at the side of the beaming boy lay poor, weary, faithful Mat, sleeping peacefully.

The weakness of childhood had succeeded where the vigor of experience had quite failed.—Ledger Monthly.

The Maine State Detective Association was organized at Lewiston Thursday. Fred L. Odlin of Lewiston, is president, and Fred A. Porter of Rumford Falls is chairman of the executive committee. One of the papers read at the meeting was by Mr. Porter on "Criminal Classes on the Border."

## GOULD'S ACADEMY NOTES.

A Christmas recess will be taken at the Academy from Wednesday until Monday. Nearly all the students will go to their homes for this short vacation.

The date of the Gould's Academy Fair and Supper has been fixed for Friday, Jan. 23. It is hoped the same liberal patronage which has been given on former similar occasions will not be wanting at this time. The proceeds of the sale will be used to restock the Reading Room and add to the Academy Library.

The young men of the M. I. L. have been challenged to an open debate with the young ladies of the U. B. Society to take place on the eighth week of the term, question to be selected by the M. I. L., U. B. to have choice of sides. The challenge has been accepted.

Lester Bean, of the Junior Class is teaching the school at East Bethel.

W. Stanwood Field a former teacher at the Academy was recently elected sub-master in one of the Boston public schools. Mr. Field will visit Bethel and the Academy during his Christmas vacation.

## Christmas Concert.

Despite the disagreeable traveling, falling snow, and the cold, a good audience gathered in the Congregational church, Sunday evening, to listen to the concert given by the little folks of the society. It was really a little folks' concert and right well were the parts given. During the short time the children had been rehearsing, the wind and snow, whooping cough and colds were strong factors of discouragement but the enthusiasm of the pastor and Miss Chamberlain who had the concert in charge, added to the interest of the children and knowing no such words as fail or postponement, the concert was given, and given in a manner very pleasing to all.

While all parts were creditable we would mention the chorus in words of praise. The following is the program as given:

Once More we Hear the Bells, Chorus  
Responsive Reading, 43-40.  
Lords Prayer.

Hymn by Congregation—No. 279.  
A Christmas Greeting, Charles McGrier.  
A Merry, Merry Christmas, Ernest Bowler

The Christmas Star,  
Exercise by Six Children  
Song—Beautiful Star Shine on,  
Three Young Ladies

God's Christmas Message,  
Blanche Richardson  
Recitation, Arnold Abbott

A Christmas Pastoral Carrie Rollins  
The Reason Why, Group of Children  
Holy Child We Bow Before Thee, Chorus

Lady Mabel's Christmas, 'Betta Shaw  
Song—The Bright Little Stars,  
Group of Children

The Wise men and the Star,  
Ida Packard  
Duet, Miss Chamberlain Mr. Gehring

When Christmas Comes, 'Defner Swan  
Recitation, Lulu Cummings  
Song—Little Infant in the Manger,  
Group of Children

The Story Ever New, Mabel Packard  
Hallelujah, Chorus  
Recitation, Mildred Haggood

I Feel so Blest on Christmas Day,  
George Spinney  
Reading—Lady Judith's Vision,  
Vivian Dingley

Closing Prayer, Pastor  
Song—Good Night, Chorus

The children hold right of way at this season and as Sunday evening opened these festivities Wednesday will close them! A supper will be given in the chapel this evening to the members of the Sunday school and parish, after which the fruit of the Christmas tree will be gathered and scattered among the children and we surmise a few of the older ones as well.

## Tarnished Silver.

An enterprising housekeeper has made the discovery that the application of the ordinary oil used in polishing hardwood floors is most effective in cleaning tarnished silver. So many of the cleaning materials used for this purpose are injurious to the hands and keep one's nails and the skin about them in a constantly dry, harsh condition that any simple suggestion like the above is most welcome. The oil should be applied with a flannel cloth and the article given a brisk rub afterward with another cloth. Candles and pieces of the silver service, with beading, curves and crevices out of which it is often so difficult to remove the pastes and powders, will be found practically easy with this simple treatment.

## Village Improvement Society's Second Evening.

Ladies' Night at Garland Chapel last Thursday evening proved an unqualified success.

The first number upon the program was Miss Lucia Weed's graceful rendering of Chopin's Waltz. Miss Berta Narten followed with a "Study in Feeling" as a recitation, and for an encore gave an arch little "catch," after which Mrs. Tuttle of Brookline, Mass., was presented to the audience.

Very few of us but left the chapel with a wider horizon for the evening spent with Mrs. Tuttle.

The extent of the work that is being done to help the law add the gospel to its justice was wonderfully revealed by the careful paper Mrs. Tuttle presented.

It is impossible to give an adequate abstract of the paper, because one must see and hear Mrs. Tuttle, come under the influence of her charming personality and exquisite voice in order to receive the impression that was made upon the attentive audience. A feeling of safety in the wide-spread influence that consecrated womanliness is exerting in new channels, comes to us as we realize that such women as Mrs. Tuttle are holding themselves in readiness, not to supplant, but to supplement man in the work of the world.

The third entertainment will be given Friday evening, Dec. 26, at Garland Chapel, and the program will be prelude by Dr. Spence's delightful playing. Mr. George Megraw will read a paper upon the transformation of iron into steel in one of the great steel works of Pittsburgh, and will tell us stories of his personal acquaintance with the great founders of the world-famous Carnegie Steel Company.

## Twentieth Anniversary Party.

One of the pleasantest of home parties was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Durell at their home on Broad street last Thursday evening, Dec. 11. It was the date of their twentieth wedding anniversary. The affair was gotten up very hurriedly owing to the great amount of weather during the preceding week, but as is often the case, the party was for this reason less formal and more enjoyable. The large, old-fashioned rooms were very pleasant to look upon with their many quaint furnishings dressed in evergreen and holly.

Of course china was very much in evidence. Mr. and Mrs. Durell were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, among them a full dinner set from their many friends, and quantities of single dishes, lace, and linen pieces. During the evening a short musical program was listened to, also a recitation by Edith Hastings and a very interesting poem written for the occasion by Addie Gordon. Martha Gibson read many congratulatory letters written by friends who were unable to be present; the following are some who contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening through the written word: Mabel Hastings Skinner, Dorchester, Mass.; Estella Durell, Mechanic Falls; Ellen F. Gibson, Mesilla Park, New Mexico; Salome Twitchell, Haverhill, Mass.; Rev. Charles R. Tenney, Auburn; Izah L. Sanborn, Bangor; John Preston True, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. F. A. Danforth, Norway; Miss Cora M. Bean, Dorchester, Mass., and many others.

Ice cream and cake were served, and last but not least, real wedding cake was served to each guest by two little maidens who insisted upon each carrying a piece home to serve as a promoter of pleasant dreams. All the guests wished for Mr. and Mrs. Durell many anniversaries and for themselves, a share in the festivities.

## A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful

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are more popular each season. We have them in fancy plaids, long and comfortable robes  
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## NECKWEAR

for Christmas. No matter how many ties one has, another is always acceptable. This season we have many novelties.  
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## Unwillingly Rescued.

Bruce is a good retriever, and during a summer holiday he went with his mistress to stay at the seaside. The first morning she took him for a walk on the sands.

A little way out a gentleman was bathing. When Bruce saw him, he pricked up his ears, rushed into the water and pulled him out, much to the man's disgust. He did not at all approve of being rescued under such circumstances, but that was hardly the dog's fault, was it?

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Spots on paint which cannot be stirred by soap and water will vanish beneath a rag dipped in washing soda or ammonia.

Bedclothes should often be exposed to the direct rays of the sun. It gives them a sweetening that is promotive of quiet rest and sleep.

It is said that two ounces of permanent of potash thrown into a cistern when the water has become foul will purify it completely.

Try renovating brass chandeliers which have become dirty and discolored by washing them with water in which onions have been boiled.

A good broom holder may be made by putting two long screws or nails into the wall about six feet from the ground. Drop the broom between them and handle down.

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